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**OHIO VOTERS OPPOSE FETAL HEARTBEAT ABORTION BAN,  
QUINNIPAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
90 PERCENT SUPPORT UNIVERSAL GUN BACKGROUND CHECKS**

With little gender difference, Ohio voters oppose 52 – 39 percent banning abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for a fetal heartbeat abortion ban runs the religious gamut, from 55 – 38 percent among white evangelical Christians, to a divided 47 – 44 percent among Protestants, and a divided 48 – 44 percent among Catholics, to 69 – 23 percent opposed among those who practice no religion, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Ohio voters who attend religious services weekly support the fetal heartbeat abortion ban 53 – 39 percent. Those who attend religious services less than once a week oppose the ban 56 – 36 percent.

Voters agree 61 – 32 percent with the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision. Republicans, white evangelical Christians and those attending religious services weekly disagree with the court ruling. Every other party, gender, education, age, racial and religious group agrees with Roe v. Wade, including Catholics 54 – 40 percent and Protestants 54 – 42 percent.

Abortion should be legal in all cases, 22 percent of Ohio voters say, as 33 percent say it should be legal in most cases. Another 27 percent say it should be illegal in most cases and 10 percent say it should be illegal in all cases.

“When it comes to the thorny political issue of abortion, Ohio voters come down on the pro-choice side. They support the Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion, and by a smaller margin, they oppose the fetal heartbeat abortion ban,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Voters are divided on stricter gun laws, but back overwhelmingly universal background checks.”

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A wide gender gap leaves Ohio voters divided on stricter gun laws in the state as 48 percent support stricter gun laws, with 46 percent opposed.

Women support stricter gun laws 54 – 38 percent, with men opposed 54 – 40 percent.

There is no division, however, as Ohio voters support 90 – 8 percent, including 87 – 11 percent among gun owners, background checks for all gun buyers.

### **Governor's, Senators' Approval**

Ohio voters approve 44 – 33 percent of the job Gov. Mike DeWine is doing. Approval is 58 – 23 percent among Republicans and 43 – 28 percent among independent voters. Democrats disapprove 52 – 28 percent.

Sen. Sherrod Brown gets a 51 – 29 percent job approval rating, with a 43 – 31 percent job approval rating for Sen. Rob Portman.

“Gov. Mike DeWine was elected narrowly in 2018, and Ohio voters are still getting to know him. The most popular elected official in the state, with a 51 percent approval rating, is Sen. Sherrod Brown. Ohio’s other U.S. Senator, Rob Portman, has a middling 43 percent approval rating,” Brown said.

From July 17 – 22, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,431 Ohio voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike DeWine is handling his job as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	44%	58%	28%	43%	42%	45%	50%	44%
Disapprove	33	23	52	28	34	33	30	33
DK/NA	23	19	19	29	23	23	19	23
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Approve	29%	39%	54%	53%	45%	49%	47%	34%
Disapprove	37	41	31	26	34	30	32	42
DK/NA	34	21	15	21	21	22	21	24

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Sherrod Brown is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	51%	29%	75%	59%	51%	52%	55%	50%
Disapprove	29	49	16	19	32	27	31	29
DK/NA	19	22	9	22	17	21	14	21
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Approve	45%	52%	56%	53%	53%	52%	52%	54%
Disapprove	22	31	29	34	32	28	30	22
DK/NA	33	17	15	13	15	20	18	24

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rob Portman is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Approve	43%	59%	26%	43%	47%	40%	46%	46%
Disapprove	31	18	54	29	30	33	36	26
DK/NA	25	23	20	28	22	27	18	28
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Approve	31%	41%	52%	48%	51%	42%	46%	35%
Disapprove	29	35	32	30	29	31	30	36
DK/NA	40	23	16	22	21	27	24	29

13. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in Ohio?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Support	48%	22%	83%	47%	40%	54%	51%	40%
Oppose	46	72	13	44	54	38	43	52
DK/NA	7	6	4	9	6	7	6	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	48%	44%	47%	52%	36%	51%	44%	77%
Oppose	47	51	46	38	57	40	48	21
DK/NA	5	6	6	10	6	9	8	2
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....					
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural			
Support	33%	28%	55%	50%	34%			
Oppose	60	64	38	44	58			
DK/NA	7	8	7	6	7			

14. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Support	90%	89%	95%	90%	86%	94%	92%	91%
Oppose	8	10	3	7	13	4	7	7
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	89%	89%	91%	93%	87%	95%	91%	88%
Oppose	9	9	6	5	12	3	7	10
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....					
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural			
Support	89%	87%	93%	90%	88%			
Oppose	9	11	5	8	10			
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2			

16. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Legal all cases	22%	5%	45%	20%	22%	22%	21%	17%
Legal most cases	33	22	40	42	32	34	36	32
Illegal most cases	27	48	7	22	29	25	29	30
Illegal all cases	10	19	2	8	8	12	11	12
DK/NA	8	6	6	8	8	7	4	9
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
18-34	34%	20%	18%	17%	20%	18%	19%	44%
35-49	36	33	34	33	33	34	34	33
50-64	19	34	30	26	32	28	30	13
65+	5	7	9	17	8	14	11	2
DK/NA	6	6	9	7	7	6	7	8
RELIGION.....					ATTEND SRVCS			
	Wht				Weekly	Less		
	Evang	Prot	Cath	None				
Legal all cases	5%	16%	10%	40%	10%	25%		
Legal most cases	22	33	35	40	20	38		
Illegal most cases	47	35	32	11	39	24		
Illegal all cases	21	11	17	3	25	6		
DK/NA	5	5	6	7	6	7		

17. In general, do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Agree	61%	36%	87%	65%	60%	62%	61%	56%
Disagree	32	59	9	28	34	31	34	37
DK/NA	6	6	4	7	6	7	5	8
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE..... Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
18-34	72%	59%	61%	55%	60%	57%	58%	77%
35-49	23	35	33	39	35	35	35	19
50-64	6	6	6	5	5	7	6	4
65+								
RELIGION.....					ATTEND SRVCS			
	Wht				Weekly	Less		
	Evang	Prot	Cath	None				
Agree	31%	54%	54%	83%	33%	69%		
Disagree	62	42	40	12	57	26		
DK/NA	7	4	6	5	10	5		

18. Do you support or oppose banning abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detectable, which is usually around 6 weeks of pregnancy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	COLLEGE DEG
							Yes	No
Support	39%	55%	20%	38%	40%	38%	38%	38%
Oppose	52	39	71	53	50	54	57	51
DK/NA	9	5	9	8	10	7	6	10
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	37%	40%	39%	42%	39%	37%	38%	44%
Oppose	59	51	52	48	51	56	54	47
DK/NA	4	9	9	10	9	7	8	9
	RELIGION.....				ATTEND SRVCS			
	Wht				Weekly	Less		
	Evang	Prot	Cath	None				
Support	55%	47%	48%	23%	53%	36%		
Oppose	38	44	44	69	39	56		
DK/NA	6	9	8	8	8	8		